

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim14, line 1, "Claim 13" has been changed to read --Claim 1--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious the claimed combination including: An electrostatic spraying device structured to deliver a product from a reservoir through a channel to a point of dispersal, to electrostatically charge the product via a high power electrode after the product has exited the reservoir and to dispense the product from an exit orifice of a nozzle to the skin of a user, wherein said device comprises: a power source to supply an electrical charge; a high voltage power supply electrically connected to said power source to charge the high voltage electrode and to supply a variable output signal in response to a feedback signal; and a high voltage resistor with a resistance value "R" in ohms " Ω ", electrically connected to an output of the high voltage power supply where "R" is in the range of " 1M Ω and 100 G Ω .

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dinh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4907. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on 571-272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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